

Amendments to the Claims

Please note that a complete listing of the current status of the claims is appended hereto.

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An article useful for edge sharpening comprising a metal body having at least one honing surface comprising a ceramic coating coated with a ~~ceramic~~ created in an electrolytic bath, said honing surface characterized by having a surface finish of Ra 120 to Ra 10.

Please add claims 26-30:

26. (new) An edge sharpening device comprising (a) a metal substrate and (b) a ceramic honing surface comprising a ceramic coating on at least part of said metal substrate.
27. (new) The edge sharpening device of claim 26 wherein said metal substrate is aluminum.
28. (new) The edge sharpening device of claim 26 wherein said metal substrate is titanium.
29. (new) The edge sharpening device of claim 26 wherein said honing surface is on a part of said metal substrate which has a contour including at least one of (1) a knurled contour, (2) a V-groove, (3) a triangular contour, (4) a cylindrical contour, or (5) a wheel contour.
30. (new) The edge sharpening device of claim 26 wherein said ceramic coating is from 0.001 inch to 0.012 inch thick.